

427. SRI R. RACHE GOWDA (Hanur):—Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact the Vidwan examinations in Sanskrit and Hindi have been recognised by Government as equivalent to M. A., and B. A., degrees respectively ;

(b) the degree to which Kannada Pandit examination has been recognised by Government as equivalent to, similarly ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Education :— a) The Vidwat examination in Sanskrit has been recognised as equivalent to M. A., for purpose of recruitment in Government Service.

(b) It has not been recognised as equivalent to any degree.

**Construction of three tanks in Magadi Taluk*

431. SRI H. G. CHANNAPPA (Magadi):—Will the Minister of State for Minor Irrigation be pleased to state :—

(a) the stages at which the construction of new tank near Huchbahanume Gowdanapalya in Kasaba Hobli, constuction of another new tank near Gollarahatti in Solur Hobli and construction of another new tanks in Survey No. 86 of Kodihalli village in Kudur Hobli of Magadi Taluk stand ;

(b) whether it is not a fact that the Government has approved the constructions of the above three tanks *Vide* G. O. No. PWD 1 IFY 71 dated 8th February 1971 for Rs. 8,77,000, Rs. 82,000, Rs. 75,000;

(c) if so the reasons why the estimates for the above three tanks have not been sanctioned as yet and the works are not taken up;

(d) whether Government intends to include the above three works in the Budget for 1975-76 and arrange for the execution of the work?

SRI S. B. NAGARAL (Minister of State for Minor Irrigation:—

- (a) These works are not taken up for execution.
- (b) They have been approved
- (c) Due to insufficient yield.
- (d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT
PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) *Re:- a dreadful disease in some parts of Shimoga district.*

SRI A. R. BADARINARAYAN (Shimoga):—I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the appearance of a dreadful disease in some parts of Shimoga district.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health):—I would like to make the following statement in regard to the dreadful, fatal and mysterious disease.

The first information about the disease was received from Sri Kagodu Thimmappa, M.L.A., Sagar by a Telegram dated 18-2-1975. On receipt of this telegram the Joint Director (Health), Directorate of Health and Family Planning Services, Bangalore visited Sagar and surrounding villages. According to his report, in nine villages which had been surveyed, there are 66 cases of which about 48 were admitted to the General Hospital, Sagar. These cases gave a history of pain in the back,